REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation, as is the allowance of claims 1, 3, 5-13 and 15-20.

The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, namely the recitation of "off axis" in claims 1 and 11, and the recitation of "tertiary mirror having a focal point which is off an alignment axis shared by all said mirrors". Support for these elements of Applicant's claims is clearly shown in the figures, as noted by the Examiner. However, to provide a more proper antecedent basis for the phrasing used in Applicant's independent claims 1 and 11, Applicant has amended the specification to specifically recite these phrasings. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced into the specification by this amendment.

The Examiner objected to Applicant's claim 3 and instructed that the term "common" should be deleted. Claim 3 has been amended to comply with the Examiner's recommendation. The Examiner further objected to Applicant's claims 16 and instructed that the term "mirror" should be changed to "mirrors". Claim 16 has been amended to comply with the Examiner's recommendation.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding these amendments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of objection have been avoided. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

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If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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